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1. CYPRUS. IN YOUR NEXT EXCHANGE WITH GOI FOREIGN OFFICE  
IN CONTEXT OF US-EC CONSULTATIONS, YOU MAY DRAW ON  
FOLLOWING POINTS IN CONVEYING US OVERVIEW OF SITUATION IN  
CYPRUS.

--SECRETARY KISSINGER HAD USEFUL MEETINGS WITH THE GREEK  
FOREIGN MINISTER IN BRUSSELS ON MARCH 7 AND WITH THE  
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TURKISH LEADERSHIP IN ANKARA MARCH 10-11. THE OBJECTIVE OF

THESE MEETINGS WAS TO STRESS THE URGENCY OF MAKING PROGRESS AND TO DETERMINE WHETHER IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE TO DEVELOP A SUBSTANTIVE FRAMEWORK FOR THE NEGOTIATIONS THAT WOULD GIVE PROMISE OF AN EARLY AND COMPREHENSIVE SETTLEMENT.

--PROGRESS IN THIS DIRECTION WAS MADE AND IT APPEARS THAT REAL MOVEMENT MAY BE ATTAINABLE WITHIN A REASONABLE TIME.

--IT IS OUR IMPRESSION THAT THE GREEKS WOULD BE PREPARED TO ADOPT MORE FLEXIBLE POSITIONS DURING NEGOTIATIONS IF THE TURKS WERE PREPARED TO WITHDRAW FROM SOME OF THE AREA THEY

NOW HOLD AS PART OF A TOTAL SETTLEMENT.

--IN ANKARA SECRETARY KISSINGER HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO TALK TO POLITICAL AND GOVERNMENT LEADERS ACROSS THE POLITICAL SPECTRUM. THERE WAS A GENERAL CONSENSUS THAT TURKISH TERRITORIAL CONCESSIONS WERE NECESSARY AND WOULD BE POSSIBLE IN THE CONTEXT OF THE NEGOTIATING PROCESS.

--WE HAVE CONTINUED TO MAKE IT CLEAR TO BOTH GREEKS AND TURKS THAT WE HAVE NO US PLAN OR SET OF PROPOSALS FOR CYPRUS. AT THE SAME TIME, IT HAS BEEN STRESSED THAT NEGOTIATIONS TO BE SUCCESSFUL NEED RHYTHM AND PACE; THAT THERE HAS BEEN A SERIES OF LOST OPPORTUNITIES IN 1974 AND EARLY 1975; AND THAT THE TIME MIGHT BE AT HAND TO MOVE RAPIDLY TO DEAL WITH FUNDAMENTAL ISSUES.

--IMPORTANCE OF TURKISH AND GREEK TALKS ON THE AEGEAN AND THE WAY IN WHICH A SPIRIT OF GOOD WILL AND FLEXIBILITY FROM SUCH TALKS COULD HAVE A HELPFUL SPILL-OVER EFFECT WAS ALSO STRESSED.

--THE RESULTS OF THE SECRETARY'S MEETINGS WERE POSITIVE BUT, REALISTICALLY, THE GOVERNMENT SITUATION IN ANKARA WILL HAVE TO BE CLARIFIED BEFORE ANY MAJOR STEPS CAN BE TAKEN. IN THE MEANTIME, WE ARE ENCOURAGING THE PARTIES TO BE FLEXIBLE AND SUPPORTING SECRETARY GENERAL WALDHEIM-S EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE AN EARLY RESUMPTION OF THE INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS.

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--WE CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THESE TALKS AS THE MOST REALISTIC FRAMEWORK FOR MAKING PRACTICAL PROGRESS ON A CYPRUS SETTLEMENT.

2. CSCE. ASSUMING THAT IRELAND'S PARTNERS IN EC WOULD PLAN TO BRIEF IRISH ON GENERAL OUTLINES OF NAC CSCE DISCUSSIONS, WE PREFER NOT RPT NOT TO RAISE MATTER OF RESPONSE TO BREZHNEV LETTER EITHER BILATERALLY WITH IRISH

OR IN CONTEXT OF US-EC CONSULTATIONS. FYI. ALLIES HAVE  
DISCUSSED TACTICS AND APPROACHES FOR RESPONDING TO BREZHNEV  
LETTER BUT HAVE NOT RPT NOT COORDINATED DETAILS OF THEIR  
INDIVIDUAL REPLIES IN NAC OR ELSEWHERE. END FYI. KISSINGER

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